



THE CHAMPION WAS HONORED with three special awards at the 1970 convention of the Ontario Weekly Newspapers Association held on the weekend at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto. Editor Roy Downs, left, is seen accepting one of three framed certificates from O.W.N.A. president Mac McConnell of Tilbury. The Champion was judged first in classified advertising and third for best use of pictures in competition against all the weeklies in the province, and received a second prize award for general excellence in the 2,500 to 5,000 circulation category.—(Staff Photo)

Prompt brigade saves area barn, industry

Prompt action by firefighters resulted in saving a large barn and a small industrial building, in two fires during the past week.

Sunday afternoon fire broke out in straw stored in a barn on the former Cowan farm on Lower Base Line Rd., just east of Highway 25. Although the fire was in the area patrolled by Oakville Fire Department, the Milton brigade was also called and they arrived at the scene first. The two brigades worked together and thanks to a plentiful supply of water in a nearby pond, soon had the flames under control and limited damage to an L-shaped section at one end of the barn.

"We would have lost it, if it hadn't been for that pond," said Milton Fire Chief A. E. Clement. It was impossible to see through the dense smoke so firefighters trained high pressure lines on the straw and literally blew the fire out—right into the open side of the barn where it was easier to douse the smouldering straw.

The farm is owned by A. Cook and rented to K. McNally.

—Use Champion classifieds, they work fast.

On Monday afternoon a roof at Milton Industrial Parks, the former bus and spinning mill plant on Court St. N., caught fire from a stove pipe. Firefighters arrived promptly and extinguished the flames.

Possible rabid fox spotted in Milton

A fox, possibly rabid, was spotted Wednesday afternoon in the north east section of Milton. Quick work by Milton police, the Halton Health Unit and neighbors averted a possible tragedy although the small red intruder has still not been shot or caught.

The first sighting took place about 3:30 p.m. in a back yard on Broadway St. and three police officers were immediately dispatched to the scene—one with a rifle and two more to warn area children of the danger as they were walking home from school. Two public health inspectors were also on the scene to try and determine whether the fox was rabid, if it was caught.

In the meantime, police secretary Mrs. Bonnie Duimstra called every fourth home in the area to warn them of the danger and to ask them to phone neighbors to alert them to the peril. Mrs. Duimstra said the homeowners were all co-operative although some she called were not home.

Another sighting came at the corner of George and Elm Sts. and then on Ontario St., but the elusive beast couldn't be found.

At 6:15 p.m. a resident on Court St. reported to police he had seen the fox and had taken a few shots at it, possibly wounding the animal. But it scurried off into the bush and no reports have been received by police since.

Chairman since 1927 resigns Willmott heads cemetery bd.

President of Milton Cemetery Board since 1927, E. A. "Ted" Harrop resigned his post at the

non-profit organization's annual meeting held Wednesday evening. Mr. Harrop has moved from Milton to Fergus and his resignation was accepted with regret by the members.

Joseph Willmott was named chairman in the election. William G. Randell is vice-chairman, Dr. C. A. Martin chairman of the grounds committee, Cliff Lewington secretary-treasurer and Bert Porter custodian.

Other directors are Clayton May, Wilfred Crozier, Clarence Peacock, Roy Currie, E. B. Clements and Fred Dixon. One more director will be appointed later to replace Mr. Harrop.

The secretary's report indicated there were 68 burials in Evergreen Cemetery in the past year. Members decided to raise the rates on some graves to cover rising costs of operation.

DOG TAGS

For the Town of Milton

were due

FEBRUARY 15th

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MALE & SPAYED FEMALE

FEMALE

\$5.00

\$10.00

No French for grade 5 education board rules

A motion asking Halton Board of Education to approve in principle a motion that would have French classes begin in grade five and the implementation of the policy be subject to future budget consideration was defeated at the Board meeting Thursday.

Trustee Fred Armitage spoke against the motion, noting that if the motion was approved in principle this year we would be apt to implement it in the future.

Milton trustee John Noble wondered what would be dropped in the elementary program if French were brought in at year five. He felt money would be better spent improving and updating the already existing program in high school.

Assistant director Doug Lawless assured the Board there would be no reduction in time now allotted for skil subjects in the elementary program. He said there was adequate latitude to

fit the program into the schedule.

The motion defeated was part of what had earlier been presented as a two part motion. The second motion allowing French to be taught in grade six and seven in the county and in grade eight in schools where a French program has been operative and in grade five in schools of the East Education area in order to complete a commitment to grade four students presently studying French was passed. Cost involved in adopting the resolution is estimated at \$58,000.

Mrs. Helen Mitchell, head of the program council on French instruction, in answer to a question by trustee John Noble noted 74.0 per cent of grade nine students in the county studied French and about 64 per cent in grade 10.

Mrs. Mitchell told Mr. Noble, and the Board, of the necessity

to teach French at an early age. She explained youngsters were not as prone to be embarrassed as they were by the high school age. If it is initiated at a young age the chances of being able to handle the language is greater.

Seniors have drop-in centre

Through the goodwill of the Milton Credit Union and the generosity of the Rotary Club of Milton the Senior Citizens Club of Milton district is now using the lower floor of the new Credit Union building on Main St. west, as a drop-in centre on Tuesday afternoons at 2 p.m. for games and fellowship.

Other senior citizens or non-members are welcome at any time to come out and join in this afternoon of friendliness and fraternity of elderly people.

More 13ths

Did Friday the 13th faze you? You've got two more to look forward to, if you're superstitious about these things. Fri. 13th falls again in March and November.

There weren't any serious calamities in Milton on "that day" this month.

Hockey teams are into the playoffs and it will soon be over for another year.

LAST 3 DAYS!

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SHOES FOR ALL THE FAMILY

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<p>QUALITY MEN'S SHOES</p> <p>Dack's Jarman Crosley Square Broken Lines Reg. To. 25.95 1/2 PRICE</p>	<p>ALL LADIES VINYL LINED SNOW BOOTS</p> <p>Reg. To 17.95 1/2 PRICE</p>	<p>LADIES FLATS & HEELS ODDS & ENDS</p> <p>Reg. To 11.95 \$3</p>
<p>LARGE GROUP LADIES SLIPPERS</p> <p>Reg. To 4.49 \$2.50</p>	<p>GIRLS BLACK PATENT SHOES</p> <p>SIZES 8 1/2 - 4 1/2 PRICE</p>	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>SPECIAL BARGAIN TABLE</p> <p>MEN'S, LADIES, CHILDREN'S</p> <p>SNOW BOOTS \$2.00</p> </div>
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